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SUBJ: AIR EVACUATION OF SAHSA CRASH VICTIMS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 255

2556, AND 2581

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE #6295 WAS SENT TO DAO BY SECDEF
(OASD:ISA) JUNE 25:

"REQUEST FULL REPORT ON YOUR ACTIONS IN TRANSFER OF
SAHSA CRASH VICTIMS TO BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER. REPORT
SHOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO ANY CONTACTS YOU
MADE WITH USCINCSO AND/OR WASHINGTON DOD ACTIVITIES,
AUTHORITY ON WHICH THE TRANSFER WAS BASED, LACK OF DEPT.
OF DEFENSE INFO ADDRESSEES ON MESSAGES SENT BY THE
EMBASSY AND A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY POLICIES REGARDING
EMERGENCY AERO MEDICAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES."

2. AS DEPT WAS INFORMED, EMBASSY ROLE BEGAN WITH URGENT
REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT BANCO ATLANTIDA, FOR ASSISTANCE IN
ADMISSION OF INJURED TO BROOKS BURN CENTER. HE STATED THAT
CHASE MANHATTAN IN NEW YORK ALREADY HAD MADE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS WITH CENTER, WHICH REQUESTED ONLY STATE DEPARTMENT
CONCURRENCE. HE ALSO STATED THAT BANK HAD ARRANGED FOR EVACUATION
BY SAHSA. IN VIEW OF THIS AND OBVIOUS EMERGENCY NATURE OF
CASE, EMBASSY, AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO REACH UEADSO
COMMAND SURGEON IN CANAL ZONE, TOOK DECISION TO TELETYPE
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DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST APPROVAL AND ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES.

EMBASSY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED BY DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE THAT ALL REQUIRED CLEARANCE HAD BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE IN OPERATIONS CENTER. THERE WAS OF COURSE NO QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL COSTS AND NO REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION BY UE TRANSPORT.

3. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IN HASTE TO SAVE LIVES ANY USUAL CLEARANCES WERE OVERLOOKED AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SMOOTHING RUFFLED FEATHERS BY INDICATING TO SOURCE OF QUOTED TELEGRAM MEASURES TAKEN AND REASONS THEREFORE.
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